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TOPIC Werneuchen Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Between 16 March and 20 April 1954, no jet aircraft were observed at Werneuchen airfield. On many days during that period, Po-2s made local flights mainly practicing take-offs and landings. Air activity repeatedly continued after nightfall. It was noteworthy that the field was frequently approached by swept-back jet fighters which came from, and returned to, the north without landing. On 10 April, a Li-2 took off. The landing of the aircraft had not been observed.¹

2. Between 19 March and 20 April, the following rail shipments arrived at Werneuchen airfield:

B - boxcar
 C/B - converted boxcar
 G - gondola car
 T - tank car

Date	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Tons	From	Consignee
March 19	1 B	Military goods	12 tons	Finsterwalde	Red Army
30	3 T	undetermined	32	Velten	"
April 18	3 B	"	56	Finsterwalde	"
March 26	1 B	military goods	8,32	Velten	Unit Shernikov
April 18	1 T	"	17	"	" 25X1
19	5 G	briquette	100	Beutersitz	Maloletnev
8	4 G	"	100	Schwarzkolm	Shtierov

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On 18 April, 1 converted boxcar and 5 boxcars with military goods were dispatched from the field to Buckau. [REDACTED]

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4. About 9 a.m. on 9 April, 2 biplanes were seen aloft over the field. 1

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Werneuchen airfield is still not occupied by a flying unit. The Po-2s training there probably belonged to Finow airfield. The observation of motor vehicle [REDACTED] which previously was reported from Finow supports this assumption. The other motor vehicle [REDACTED] mentioned are reported for the first time.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The consignees which were repeatedly mentioned as receiver of shipments to Werneuchen are commented on as follows:

Shernikov belongs to a rear detail of OATB [REDACTED]
Maloletnev in charge of requisitioning of solid fuel and the maintenance of airfield installations
Shtierov probably identical with Smirnov; no details available.

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[REDACTED] forwarding agency of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. The shipments from Finsterwalde consigned to the "Red Army" in Werneuchen were probably dispatched by the rear detail of the supply unit of the bomber corps of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army which, in January 1953, moved from Cottbus to Finsterwalde. This detail is probably charged with the supply of rear details of the bomber corps and with a certain control of former bomber airfields, particularly Werneuchen.

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